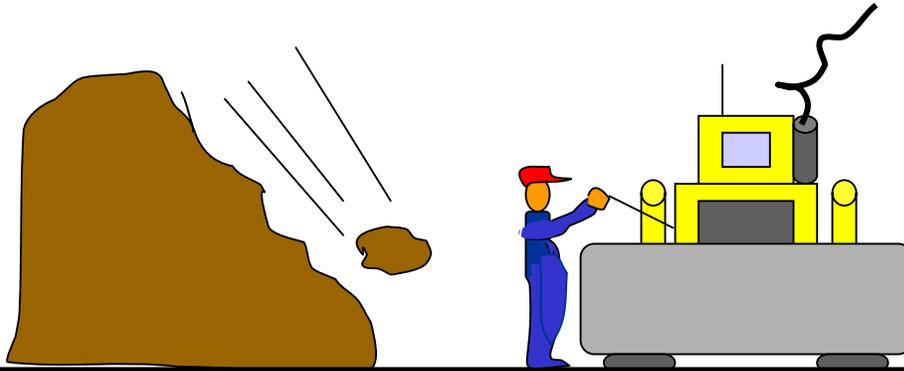




## SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



On October 5, 2004, at approximately 1:30 pm, a serious accident occurred to a D-10R bulldozer operator. The bulldozer operator had dismounted his equipment between the spoil bank and the equipment to examine his work area. As he started to mount his bulldozer, a rock rolled off the spoil bank, striking him causing a fracture to his lower left leg (fibula).

### **SAFETY KEYPOINTS:**

- All surface coal mining operations shall establish and follow a ground control plan to ensure a safe work area. (Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia, Section 45.1-161-287A).
- Scaling of highwalls, banks, and benches shall be completed to assure a safe work area.
- Employees and other persons, except those involved in correction of the condition, shall be restricted from areas where hazardous highwall or pit conditions exist.
- Unless required for the purpose of repairs, all persons shall be restricted from areas between equipment and walls, benches, or banks if the equipment may hinder their escape from falling or sliding material. A person should be assigned to watch walls and banks, when work is required to be performed between equipment and hazardous areas.

**ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM**